YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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RETIRING COLONEL HONORED

Colonel Kenneth T. Macek, of St. John's Parish, will retire from the army and as head of Eastern's Department of Military Science on July 1. At this time he will have given 31 years of active service.

Col Macek was honored at a luncheon in McKenny Union for his "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services." He will receive the Oak Leaf Cluster and be named to the Hall of Fame of the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where his picture will be on permanent display with other distinguished graduates of the school.

Let us add our congratulations to the many he has already received and add that we are happy he and his family will remain in the Ypsilanti area after his retirement.

PARISH TEENS RECEIVE HONORS

Pat Soraruf, lefthanded pitcher for the Ypsilanti High Braves, was named to the 7-A all-star baseball squad. He had 53 strikeouts for the season and an over-all record of 6-0. Maybe he is due for a baseball career since he is the hottest player around!

Phil Lewis earned a high point trophy in a horse show at Lenawee County Fairgrounds by accumulating the greatest number of points in the show. Another fine record for Phil.

Congratulations to both Pat and Phil for their acheivement.

THINGS PEOPLE WONDER ABOUT

Last week a family leaving St. John's for Livonia mentioned remembering St. John's for its meaningful liturgies. But how do these liturgies become so meaningful?

If you have noticed in the PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS, each Tuesday there is note of a liturgy meeting in Rm. 9 of the Religion Center. It is at this time that the themes are worked on and perfected and polished to the beautiful thoughts that we hear throughout the Masses on the weekend. Lee Sanford, Ted Birdsall, Vera Clyne, and Sr. Mary have worked diligently all year to afford you the best in religious services, one that is geared to a special theme that not only concerns you on that Sunday but throughout the entire week if you choose to use the ideas completely.

We cannot fail to mention Fr. Harvey who as the celebrant has given us the prayerful attitude with which we are able to experience the genuine beauty of the Mass. It is his desire to give us the excellence for which St. John's is noted liturgically. And it is through his special charisma that we are able to feel the spirit working in us and through us.

We owe a deep thanks to those who have so willingly and creatively given us liturgies full of meaning, for this is the reason for our existence as a parish - to give honor and glory to God, and we at St. John's have much to be grateful for, as we experience with the celebrant and the attending parishioners the beauty that is the Mass.

THE ABORTION QUESTIONS FREQUENTLY ASKED

IS THE FETUS HUMAN? From conception, the fetus has the genetic characteristics of a human individual, eye color, hair color, and sex. By eight weeks all the organs of the human body are present and the unborn child is already sucking its thumb. There is a heart beat, measurable brain waves, and constant arm and leg motion. By five months the child can cry feebly. It answers all the criteria for human life.

SHOULDN'T A WOMAN CONTROL HER OWN BODY? The fetus is not part of its mother's body, like an appendix, but a separate organism capable of independent movement, nourishment, growth, and eventually reproduction. It has 48 chromosomes in a pattern distinct from either parent, and its own circulatory system

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IS ABORTION CONTRACEPTION? Contraception measures such as the pill, rhythm or prophylactics are designed to prevent contraception. They are used before a life has actually begun. Abortion is employed after conception and destroys an already existing life.

WHEN IS THE FETUS VIABLE? The age of survivability can no longer be considered definite. Development of an artificial placenta to enable a 12-week fetus to survive outside the womb is not far off. Test-tube incubation, intrauterine transfusion, and other variables make any legal definition arbitrary.

WON'T ABORTION STOP BIRTH DEFECTS? In a democracy where the individual's rights are respected, a physical or mental handicap should not be a death sentence. We do not destroy polio victims or patients in mental hospitals. Abortion would destroy children without defects as well as the roughly 70% with minor defects resulting from German Measles.

CAN WE LEGISLATE MORALITY? There are reasons to believe that law should not try to regulate personal morals - except where another party may be injured. When two parents decide on abortion, an innocent third party, the child, is affected and should have legal protection.

WHAT ABOUT RAPE VICTIMS? True cases of rape among patients seeking abortion are a statistical rarity. They occur so infrequently as to be almost peripheral to the question. Some theologians and lawyers maintain a curretage procedure may be performed on a rape victim prior to implantion, within six days of fertilization. Those who disagree point out the fetus, even at this stage, is innocent of the rape.

Dear Parishioners of St. John's,

During the past two years (in August) I have been privileged to serve as Worship Commission Chairman. My deepest appreciation to all with whom I have had the pleasure of working. To the Senior members who have raised this Christian community literally from its foundation, to our youth who raise their banners high and dare to "Shout From the Highest Mountain the Glory of the Lord," to those in the "Middle" who have succeeded in reading English, singing songs, finding pages, and continuously trying something new, my many thanks.

Individual thanks would be as long as the church roster, but I must thank Father David Harvey. This young man is a human dynamo for God and all mankind. His continuous efforts to make God's love live in and for each of us is untiring. Steadfast like St. Peter, persistant like St. Luke, filled with St. Paul's fire (at times), he demands perfection of himself and those about him.

Perhaps this short poem can better tell each of you how I feel:

IN APPRECIATION

I cannot thank you as I would for all you've done for me;
I cannot find the words I should to tell you fittingly.

Your kindliness has meant so much that only One I know
Can e'er repay a service such as this one here below.

Therefore to Him I delegate what I cannot express.
May God repay you – early, late for all your kindliness.

Franciscan Mission Associates

Bless you,
Nancy Wagner

Parish Calendar Of Events

SUNDAY, June 25
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Religion Center
MONDAY, June 26
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Church Hall
TUESDAY, June 27
7:00 p.m. Teen Center Activities
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Meeting, Rm. 9, Religious Center
7:30 p.m. Convert Meeting, Rectory
WEDNESDAY, June 28
7:00 p.m. Teen Center Activities
THURSDAY, June 29
7:00 p.m. Teen Center Activities

PROBLEM PREGNANCY HELP NEEDS AID

We are losing our home on July 1st!

We are filing for tax-free exemption - therefore, if any one of you has a spare room in your office complex, we could be a tax write-off; we only require our own floor. We could, if necessary, pay up to $50.00 a month rent. We are grateful to Mr. George Pomey and Mr. William Kreh of State Farm Insurance for renting us a room since January. Their agency is moving.

If you know of a room in Ann Arbor area, please call Pat Kay 662-4157 or Nola Hanes 871-5168. Your social service work must go on.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

NEEDED: Unusual foster homes for male teens: married or single men. We will license a family, a shared apartment, or a fellow living alone.

Call Catholic Social Services at 662-4534 or 662-1535.

SINGLE CHRISTIAN ADULTS

The Single Christian Adults will hold their monthly meeting on June 28, at St. John's Rectory in Ypsilanti at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a surprise activity. For more information, call 971-9076 or 482-1942.

Thank you,
Pat Hoeft, Publicity Chairman

FURNITURE NEEDED

Anyone having any extra furniture to donate of any kind whatever, can find a place for their pieces at the Catholic Social Services. They will pick up if you call 484-1260 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. There is always a need for furniture for needy families.

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and pass them by--
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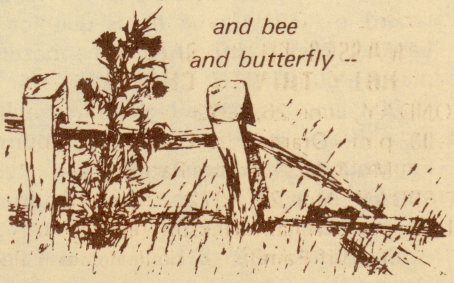
and bee
and butterfly --



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, June 26, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Tom Brown, req. by Jim Brown
TUESDAY, June 27, 1972 - Weekday
7:30 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion
12:00 Noon - Rose Koehn, req. by The Stachlewitz Family
WEDNESDAY, June 28, 1972 - St. Irenaeus
7:30 a.m. Distribution of Holy Communion
4:00 p.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schrepper
THURSDAY, June 29, 1972 - Sts. Peter and Paul
7:00 a.m. Edna M. Hutting, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
12:00 Noon - Distribution of Holy Communion
FRIDAY, June 30, 1972 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. May O'Brien, req. by Marie Sickinger
SATURDAY, July 1, 1972 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Florence Kempf, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Thorp
5:00 p.m. Tom Brown, req. by Steve and Catherine Sleves
SUNDAY, July 2, 1972
7:00 a.m. Dorothy T. Ward, req. by The Family of Dorothy T. Ward
9:00 a.m. Msgr. John F. Bradley, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kayfish
11:00 a.m. Bette Freeman, req. by Charles and Marie Sinkule, Sue Cooch and Helen Hewitt
7:00 p.m. Clarence Laurain, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Riley

MARRIAGE BANNS

Third Time
Ralph Schmuckal and Christine Kaminski

MASSES TO BE SAID AT HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL

MONDAY, June 26, 1972
4:00 p.m. Oramel L. Ennen, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Parsons
TUESDAY, June 27, 1972
4:00 p.m. William Jackson, req. by The Tardiff Family
WEDNESDAY, June 28, 1972
4:00 p.m. Leo W. Blum, req. by Mrs. Margaret Kolkloesch
THURSDAY, June 29, 1972
4:00 p.m. Andrew J. Kelly, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Woolery

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

Sunday, June 18, 1972
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ALTAR BOYS

WEEK OF JUNE 25
WEEKDAY MASSES: 7:00 p.m. or 12:00 Noon
WEDNESDAY EVENING MASSES: 7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY MORNING MASSES: 9:00 a.m.
TEAM No. 1 - Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Jerry Moses and David Gallesero
TEAM No. 2 - Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Tom Greiner and Paul Buchard
SATURDAY, July 1
5:00 p.m. Mike and Pat Wideman
SUNDAY, July 2
7:00 a.m. Jim Sullivan and Peter Burgard
9:00 a.m. Dennis Tice and Larry Koch
11:00 a.m. Tim Motto and John Baxter
7:00 p.m. Jeff Anhut and John Harrison

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 1
5:00 p.m. . . . . E. Look
SUNDAY, July 2
7:00 a.m. . . . . D. Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . D. Racine
11:00 a.m. . . . . G. Butman

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, July 1
5:00 p.m. . . . . C. Budinger
SUNDAY, July 2
7:00 a.m. . . . . M. Wheeler
9:00 a.m. . . . . F. Wawrzaszek
11:00 a.m. . . . . V. Clyne

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SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
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HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday
BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.
MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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